



## *Dorper Sheep Society of Australia*

# Southern Region Newsletter

It has been a very busy time for the Southern Region. There has been various field days such as the Seymour Expo, Farm World in Gippsland and the Hamilton SheepVention just to name a few. The highlight of our calendar has been our Southern Region Sale as well as hosting the National Show at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo.

We held the Southern Regions annual general meeting in Swan Hill on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. Please take the time to read through the minutes which have been sent out. We would like to thank those who took the time to attend and to those who sent through apologies.

We would love for more members to attend the AGM in the future. If you have any ideas on how we could make it more accessible please let Rebecca our secretary know.

We hope to see you all at the Christmas Party and General Meeting to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November at Swamp Road Dorper Stud in Red Cliffs.

Enjoy,  
Rebecca Dalla

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### **News from the Events Committee-** by Bruno Trazzera

2015 sparked the start of a new era for the National Dorper and White Dorper show. For the first time in several years our National Showcase event has been moved from its home in Dubbo and has started its Journey across Australia to further promote and extend the Dorpers success.

This year the event was held in conjunction with the "Australian Sheep and Wool Show" in Bendigo, Victoria, the event is the largest Sheep Field day in the southern hemisphere with nearly 40,000 people going through the gates. The National Show ran over three days, and was held alongside the Southern Region's "Supreme Dorper & White Dorper sale".

This year's event was a tremendous success with approximately 470 entries combined for the show and sale, making the Dorpers the second largest breed at the event. The crowds were continuously flowing past the judging arena and the grand stands were constantly full giving our breed fantastic exposure.

Our Judge Freddie Dreyer from Namibia did a great job judging some of tuff competition with some of the best genetics in Australia on show. Congratulations to all of the Champions, and Exhibitors on the presentation and quality of their animals.

The Southern Regions Supreme Dorper and White Dorper sale was also held at the ASWS and was a great success. Report is included in this newsletter.

Championship placings are also included, for a more comprehensive report please visit the Dorper Sheep Society website and head to '**Latest News**' > **DSSA National Sale Report 2015**

# A BIG thank you goes out to our sponsors of the National Dorper Show 2015



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 breed.**

# Supreme Dorper and White Dorper Sale:

Held at Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo July 19<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The 2015 Southern Region Supreme Dorper and white Dorper sale, was also a huge success. For the first time in the history of this sale, inspection of all sale animals against the breed standard became a compulsory requirement. The inspection process was implemented to provide our buyers with some security that all sale animals were sound and free of cull faults. Sales results were very encouraging with a 92% clearance rate and the strongest prices this sale has seen in the last 3 years.

## Dorper Sale Results

- Dorper Ram Average: \$2278.
- Top Priced Dorper Ram: \$5000: Sold by Bulmar Dorpers, Orange NSW. Purchased by Glen Park Dorpers, Wentworth NSW.
- Dorper Ewe Average: \$1790.
- Top Priced Dorper Ewe: Sold by Dell Dorpers, Moama NSW. Purchased by Wirilinga Park, Albury NSW.

## White Dorper Sale Results

- White Dorper Ram Average: \$2559.
- Top Priced White Dorper Ram: \$8000: Sold by Wirilinga Park, Albury NSW. Purchased Dell Dorpers, Moama NSW.
- White Dorper Ewe Average: \$1375.
- Top Priced White Dorper Ewe: Sold by African White Dorpers, Moama NSW. Purchased by Maladorn White Dorper Deepdene Vic.

Congratulations and thank you to all vendors and buyers on their successful sales and purchases, and thank you to our Auctioneer; John Setree and the Landmark team on helping our region run another successful sale.



Left- Top priced Dorper ewe purchased by Wirilinga Park Dorpers.



Right- Top priced Dorper ram purchased by Glen Park Dorpers.



Above- Top priced White Dorper Ram, purchased by Wirilinga Park White Dorpers.



Nick Hewitt and Rebecca Dalla with one of the Olssons Lambli Lick Blocks, generously sponsored by Olssons.



Marius Loots and Adrian Veitch with Ian Trewavis from Coopers Animal Health with a bottle of Maverick Drench kindly donated by Coopers.



# Hamilton SheepVention



Sheepvention is Hamilton Pastoral Societies biggest event with over 25,000 visitors attending in 2014 and over 1000 sheep exhibits including Heritage and Merino breeds. The White Suffolk was the feature breed for 2015. The area is known for producing Fine Merino Wool and is a wealthy pastoral hub at the foot of the Grampians in Victoria. It was into this scenario that we set forth with the Dorper Society tent, and unshorn white dorper ram, a white dorper ewe with 9 week old lamb at foot and a dorper ewe with twins that were born a week prior.

We set off on our adventure at 4.30am for what turned out to be an 11 hour trip from Wirlinga near Albury, NSW. In what was wet and windy conditions we set up on a remote small site far from any other sheep and seriously exposed to the weather conditions. Not a scenario that was inspiring high expectations of a worthwhile outcome!



We arrived on show day at 7am to find the tent at a 45degree angle with the wind howling a gal. We made a start on our repairs when the people started coming...and coming...and coming! They were seeking us out with the expectation that we were there.

We talked and fixed the tent, making a small doorway instead of exposing ourselves and our sheep to the elements and welcomed in a never ending stream of interested and very genuine potential buyers. (Several had brought trailers in the expectation of taking home a ram!)

Many knew very little about the breed (is it true that the females are the ones with black heads? What happens to the fleece? Does it come off in one piece or just bits? Does it build up in the paddock and stop the pasture growing through?)

Many said it was hard to buy dorpers in the Hamilton region.



There were people from Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, and from Victoria (Sale to Indigo to west of the Grampians) visit us. They commented on the size of our representation at the Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo and wondered if we would out represent the Merino breed at next year's show.

There were also comments that the Dorpers seemed to be where the sheep meat industry was headed. All were impressed with what they saw and all wanted more information and contacts. We did our best to direct people to breeders geographically close to them.

My observations over the weekend were that as a group, given the amount of interest we received we should be better prepared for next year.

1. There is a shed for meat breeds and we should be in it! People were standing in line to talk to breeders! There was a Dorper Breeder in there but we didn't get a chance to speak to him.
2. We need more representation! (Other breeds were clever and in addition to showing a ram and ewe they also showed 3month old lambs to show how fast they grew- we would have compared very favourably!)
3. Most people wanted a small booklet of contacts and liked the maps that were in the old magazine and wanted more information on the breed not necessarily the newspaper magazine. Other breeds provided a small paper carry bag with this info in it.
4. We need to further publicise that we will be at the event and invite breeders to visit the site.
5. Accommodation needs to be booked NOW! The area is totally booked out well in advance.

Overall a very successful debut!

-Julie Glinski, Wirlinga Park.

SAVE THE DATE!

National Dorper Show  
July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2016

Will once again be held by the Southern  
Region during the Australian Sheep and  
Wool Show, Bendigo Victoria.

Also incorporating the  
Supreme Dorper and White Dorper Sale  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016.



# National Show Results

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## Overall Show Results

- Supreme Dorper Exhibit – Van Niekerk Family, Dell Dorpers.
- Supreme White Dorper Exhibit – Veitch Family, Kaya White Dorpers.
- Most Successful Dorper Exhibitor - Bruno Trazzera and Carolyn Thorburn, Oakview Dorpers.
- Most Successful White Dorper Exhibitor – Julie & Grant Glinski, Wirlinga Park White Dorpers.

## Dorper Ewes

- Junior Champion Dorper Ewe – Cherilyn Lowe, Nomuula Dorpers.
- Reserve Junior Champion Dorper Ewe - Bruno Trazzera and Carolyn Thorburn, Oakview Dorpers.
- Senior Champion Dorper Ewe - Van Niekerk Family, Dell Dorpers.
- Reserve Senior Champion Dorper Ewe - Bruno Trazzera and Carolyn Thorburn, Oakview Dorpers.
- Grand Champion Dorper Ewe - Van Niekerk Family, Dell Dorpers.

## White Dorper Ewes

- Junior Champion White Dorper Ewe – Stephen, Donna & Jamie Emmerton, Davemm Hill White Dorpers.
- Reserve Junior Champion White Dorper Ewe - Julie & Grant Glinski, Wirlinga Park White Dorpers
- Senior Champion White Dorper Ewe - Cherilyn Lowe, Nomuula Dorpers.
- Reserve Senior Champion White Dorper Ewe - Julie & Grant Glinski, Wirlinga Park White Dorpers
- Grand Champion White Dorper Ewe - Cherilyn Lowe, Nomuula Dorpers.

## Dorper Rams

- Junior Champion Dorper Ram – Chalmers Family, Niemur Dorpers.
- Reserve Junior Champion Dorper Ram - Van Niekerk Family, Dell Dorpers. Dorpers.
- Senior Champion Dorper Ram - Veitch Family, Kaya Dorpers.
- Reserve Senior Champion Dorper Ram - Veitch Family, Kaya Dorpers.
- Grand Champion Dorper Ram - Veitch Family, Kaya Dorpers.

## White Dorper Rams

- Junior Champion White Dorper Ram – Brad and Tanya Edson, Red Rock.
- Reserve Junior Champion White Dorper Ram – Danny Teskara, Roslynmead West.
- Senior Champion White Dorper Ram - Veitch Family, Kaya White Dorpers.
- Reserve Senior Champion White Dorper Ram - Danny Teskara, Roslynmead West.
- Grand Champion White Dorper Ram - Veitch Family, Kaya White Dorpers.

## Groups

- Dorpers Sires Progeny -Group of 3 by the same sire (both sexes represented) - Cherilyn Lowe, Nomuula Dorpers, Sire: Dell Jumbo 120224.
- Dorpers Breeders Group under 1 ½ years (1 ram, 2 ewes) Bred by exhibitor - Bruno Trazzera and Carolyn Thorburn, Oakview Dorpers.
- White Dorpers Sires Progeny -Group of 3 by the same sire (both sexes represented) - Van Niekerk Family, Dell Dorpers, Sire; African Rocket G0257
- Dorpers Breeders Group under 1 ½ years (1 ram, 2 ewes) Bred by exhibitor - Cherilyn Lowe, Nomuula Dorpers.

# **Southern Region invites all members, their families and friends to our Christmas party!**

Held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November



Come and enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch with salads and  
deserts  
And a tender roast for dinner!  
BYO Alcohol.

Held at Swamp Road Dorper Stud, Swamp Road,  
Red Cliffs Vic

There is plenty of room for your swag, tent or even the  
caravan!

If you are looking for a motel try Red Cliffs Colonial Motel:  
Calder Hwy , Red Cliffs 03 5024 1060 just 10 minutes  
away.

If you need further directions phone Poss on 0400 767 675

**RSVP: 20.11.2015**

by email [shaedarr@hotmail.com](mailto:shaedarr@hotmail.com) or phone Shaelene  
Knight on 0400 893 614

# Your Southern Region Representatives:

Appointed at the AGM in August.

## **Southern Region President:**

Bruno Trazzera

## **Southern Region Vice President:**

Andrea Van Niekerk

**General Committee Members:** Jenny Hewitt, Shaelene Knight, Emma Davis.

## **Federal Board Representatives:**

Rod Chalmers & David Hewitt

## **Secretary & Treasurer:**

Rebecca Dalla

## **Events Committee:**

**Chair-** Bruno Trazzera

**Events Members:** David Hewitt, Andrea Van Niekerk, Shaelene Knight, Emma Davis, Jacinta Contardo, Brad McIntosh, Chris Evans and Poss Scholz

# The 53<sup>rd</sup> Farm World

Lardner Park Gippsland

## Victoria's largest regional agricultural event

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March- Set up:

John and Paul Banks from Baaramu Stud, Mardan Vic bought along all the needed materials to the Dorper Society site for 2015. This was opposite the animal nursery and wildlife show, but more tellingly on the route to the beef cattle, tractors, fodder sales and caravans. Whilst still on a slope that makes one feel like having been on a ship at sea after a long day, the site got the thumbs up for being in a high visibility position. Thanks goes to Emma Davies from Bear Bung Dorpers, Drouin sth, who came to help set up.



### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Farmers Day:

Despite a dismal weather forecast, the day was surprisingly pleasant. John and Lorraine Banks manned the tent and were busy all day. It was found that the interest in Dorpers had taken a shift from hobby farmers to more serious growers with enquiries for 1000 head of sheep and several others wanting 100+ head.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

Linda Cornwall from Bunderra, Thorpdale joined Lorraine and John in the tent. The weather had taken a turn for the worse. The rain sleeted in horizontally and the wind howled. However it did not hinder the crowds which kept on coming in. Our tent was full-some for the Dorpers and some just to find a dry spot. To pass the time, many joined in the competition to guess the weight of Baaramu's ram. He decided he enjoyed being in the spotlight and played up to the crowd being photographed many, many times. Quentin Bryce was in attendance on this day for the 'women in Agriculture' luncheon as a guest speaker. Lots of vehicles needed a tow out of the slippery car parks.

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March:

John and Paul Banks, Emma Davies, and Linda and Murray Cornwall all reported to thte tent for duty and were kept busy fielding enquiries from both existing and potential breeders. The weather was wet in the morning however did improve by the afternoon. Many old friends dropped by, and plenty of new folk were met.



### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Family Day:

The weather gods were with us, giving us beautiful weather with no wind, not a cloud in the sky and warm sunny conditions. Children were everywhere. Paul, John, Lorraine, Linda, Murray and Emma were busy all day. We met several people interested in joining the Society and one who had already just done so. The feeling for the future of agriculture in general was optimistic.

The winner of the 'Guess the Weight' competition was Paul from Nar Nar Goon North with a guess of 105.2kgs, just 100gms short of the correct answer. Guesses were many and varied, from elephant weight down. Some folk took the contest very seriously and some got quite close with educated guesses. Baaramu donated the prize of books, a set of two on the outback & coast and a beautiful cookery book all purchased from the Weekly Times stand.

A tired group packed up, the sheep were keen to get home, but despite Gippsland's reputation for interesting weather, we can only say that it was a successful event and we were proud to fly the flag for Dorpers.

-Paul Banks, Baaramu Stud.